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1907, average	7,179
1908, average	7,543
May 15	7,583

A THIRD OF A MILLION.

The full tide of immigration for the first four months of the year brought \$3,761,000 to these shores, which shows that the rate is being well maintained which was commenced in 1907, the excess being a little over 12,000 above the rush of 1908.

This year the movement was at first slow and unimpressive, but during the last two months the arrivals have been larger than during the same time in any previous year. If the same rate is kept up for the remainder of this year all records will be broken. Reports now at hand from Europe indicate that the summer steamer trade from the United Kingdom will not show any very great increase, but from Hamburg, Bremen and the Mediterranean ports every sign seems to point to an enormous influx to New York. From Hamburg and Bremen the increase during the first three months of this year over the same period last year was 16,000. The New York Journal of Commerce says, in connection, it is interesting to note that during this spring and summer new steamships with an aggregate tonnage of 260,000 will be added to the carrying facilities of various lines. The increase in shipping, however, is confined to the passenger trade. There has been a marked increase in freight business. Among the latest immigrant arrivals were the Europa, 1947 from Naples and Palermo, by the San Giorgio, 2,088 from Genoa and Naples, by the Taurina, 1,294 from Genoa and Naples, by the Barbarossa, 1,997 from Naples and Palermo by the Italia.

THE DOG AND THE TROLLEY.

The one thing the trolley men were noted upon at a recent meeting of the managers and the employees was the dog as a passenger upon trolley lines, and from all their experiences they would have these animals prohibited. No one can blame these men for their objections or prejudices against the canine in average hands. Where patrons have a fear of dogs they are a nuisance, but it is quite a hardship to oblige people to walk long distances when they have a small dog with them and are willing to pay two fares.

The dog has always been an issue in civilized life, and always will be. The rogues would have him exterminated, and so would many respectable people who have no use for him. It is well enough to protect the men and the passengers, and a rule which required the muzzling of a dog while traveling on the trolley would be rational and ought to be respected. This people who do not believe in dogs have a right to ask for reasonable protection.

FLAG DAY.

Flag Day is the national day of June which all take an interest in. It is not a call from work, but a call to honor the emblem which in times of peace and peril should ever be an inspiration to all whom it protects.

This special day has the support of many patriotic societies, and deserves well of the public. The American Flag Association has issued an address which calls attention to the fact that "the Stars and Stripes, within the recent past, have come to possess new beauty for friendly eyes and new terror for the foes of liberty," and hence this suggestion is most apposite: "We respectfully appeal to the governors of all the states of our land and to the mayors of every American city to herald the coming and celebration of Flag Day, June 14, 1909, by proclamation; we call upon every public officer, every teacher of the youth of our land, the editors of all newspapers, the daily instructors of youth, to call public attention, to arouse enthusiasm and to provide for public exercises and general celebration of the day." And that coming from an organization which includes in its membership many of the most eminent American statesmen, soldiers, sailors, educators and men of thought in every direction, of fall to evoke a ready response.

Frank Walker is doubtful of the sense that the indeterminate sentence is a nice thing, but many honest men do not like the way it worked out in case.

We do not know, "Dick," which is the savagiest sign in Norwich. Shannon's corner is looking pretty wild.

Many of these spring hats will make handy rubbish baskets when yard-cleaning day comes next spring.

FAR FROM SILENCED.

A press despatch from Manchester, N. H., recites that a reduction in the minimum rate charged by the American Express company for carrying small packages within New Hampshire has been ordered by the railroad commissioners of that state, in response to a petition presented by the New Hampshire board of trade and a number of subordinate bodies. "The rate is ordered reduced, on and after June first next, from 25 cents to 15 cents, the rate which prevailed up to two years ago." From this it will be perceived that the company has been forced to grant what it was compelled to in Massachusetts. It is said that in our own state the public protest against an increase in schedules was not successful until after company determination to enforce the latter had been vigorously combated. The swollen prices, we may add, were a standing argument in favor of the establishment of a parcels post. As for that matter, the lesser rate does not silence the demand—Salem (Mass.) News.

It is not improbable that this change will soon come to Connecticut. There is no real reason why 25 cents should be the minimum charge unless the object is to prohibit the smaller parcels. If the price was less the express would be preferred to the postoffice when it comes to the matter of handling. The success of a parcels post means that the express companies will cheapen their rates and still do a big and profitable business. The price for carrying small parcels is now too high.

CARELESS OBSERVERS.

The attempt at Passaic, N. J., on the part of politicians to condemn the work of the voting machine in the Second district of the Third ward failed. When the machine was opened by order of the court it was found to be exactly opposite from what those prejudiced against it claimed, and while they declared it registered 178 No and 165 Yes, a photograph of the machine shows that it registered 178 Yes and 165 No.

Commenting upon this, the Newark News says: "The camera will not lie. It tells a truthful story that cannot be refuted by even the most skillful and crafty interpretations of the opponents of the voting machine."

There is more the matter with the enemies of the voting machines than with the machines themselves; and those who would lie about them must make the machines lie if they had the genius to do so. The voting machine has made the old political craft primitive and slow and unreliable.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is now stated that the Passaic voting machine showed the skullduggery upon its face, whatever that may be.

Where embayments are under construction the law is the worst obstacle. It cannot be promptly dynamited out of the way.

The fact that the new tariff is going to increase the price of champagne will not worry the blue-overalled Americans.

New 4,000 incandescent electric lamps are being lighted at Omaha from a wireless generating plant five miles away. What next?

Broiled mackerel is going to be the luxury list. This has been the poorest season the Gloucester mackerel men have ever known.

New England stands for free trade, and all her senators were against it. They must think that she means well, but does not know.

A Boston tailor claims that an artist never put a suit of clothes on a subject just right. Of course not, it takes a violet to do that.

Happy thought for today: The member who talks long on the tariff should not think that he is a blessing to his country—he comes too high.

The fact that Roosevelt thinks that "Tolstoy's criticism of 'foolish and immoral' will just increase interest in them and improve their sales."

Ex-Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston is in the field addressing some society on city matters once a week, with a view of politically building himself up.

Since the governor of Vermont has pardoned a model prisoner, the question is asked: "Why not keep him there as an example to the others?"

A good serviceable aeroplane does not cost any more than the best automobile, but few farmers will mortgage their farms to possess one at present.

The man who always finds that it is his fault when there is anything wrong in the family always finds that his wife is of the same opinion. Harmony comes high, but it comes.

The prediction that there are to be more and fiercer thunder storms than usual the coming summer is a source of worry to many. The shower star is of small account.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Celebrating the Fourth.
The celebration of the city's one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary having been killed, presumably it is useless to advocate a sane celebration of it. The city fathers have decided that a lurking "Xibos" may be in waiting to jump on the suggestion. Perhaps someone might perpetrate the old republican trick as who started the plan anyway. Then again some patriotic citizen might be tempted to incite a riot, and so the celebration. But being in a celebratory mood, we dare to suggest that Middletown might set the pace in Connecticut for a safe and sane celebration of Independence Day—Middletown Sun.

Examine Your Information.

Is there any influence at work spreading bad news, largely misinformation, about voting machines? It seems to be the case in New Jersey. The Republican carried the Hartford Courant the other day on the Passaic, N. J., case, where the voting machine, certainly came out with a feather in its cap. The Courant's authority was the Newark, N. J., Star, which is printed eight miles from the scene of the battle, but it had apparently gotten hold of the choicest bundle of misinformation which it has been our privilege to inspect for some time. Now it is announced that the Passaic county newspapers are all agreed as to the facts and are commending the machine, various other newspapers, therefore, are repeating the errors made by the Newark Star. They are all making the statement that the machine reversed the figures and that the machine could reverse the figures and later correct itself. In view of this tendency it will be well for state newspapers which are considering the liability of voting machines to error to examine their information very carefully.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

IN TOUCH WITH NATURE.

In going through the pockets of his last year's spring suit, incidental to its inspection of its availability for further use, Banning brought to light an oblong slip of pasteboard, which he examined with interest and surprise. When he had read the printing on its face and examined a date stamped on the reverse side he grinned effectively. "Say, here's a funny thing," he observed to Mrs. Banning, who was on an inspection of her own in connection with the laundry bag. "I've just run across that suburban railroad ticket the real estate man gave me last year when we nearly went out to Park Highlands to look at some lots. Remember?"

"Um," said Mrs. Banning, who was wondering whether it would be worth while to darn the lavender ones again. "There's just four punches left on it," continued her husband, examining his prize with interest and remembering he said it would just take us up there and back. And it's good only 'one year from date stamped there. Let's see—what is the date stamped there? Why, it expires next Sunday. That's too bad!"

"Oh, nothing," said Banning. "Only it's a shame to let a railroad ticket expire without being used—such a waste of money. I'll take it to the city where I'm going to look at some lots. I suppose this runs to the violet fields suggested Mrs. Banning then. "I'm not so anxious about the violets now," admitted Banning, "but I'm really glad that we've got away from town today."

At Kenosha they disembarked and Banning, who had been told that the which looked passable from without, but which failed to live up to the contract. The suburban railroad only ran on Saturdays, and he discovered that it was necessary to take a cross-town line to reach civilization. Careful inquiry developed the information that this line operated three cars an hour and it was the part of wisdom for the visitor to keep one eye on his watch in order to be certain of making connections with the returning car to Park Highlands. The spring shower which had been hanging over their heads all day began to descend as they viewed the marvels of Kenosha, and Banning triumphantly unfurled his umbrella.

"Just in time to take that car back to where we got the interurban," demanded his wife presently. "We have ten minutes yet," said Banning, "but we'd better stay here where it starts, because the cars are not labeled and we might get to the wrong one."

"Good!" said his wife. "Meanwhile, if you see any violets blooming in the street just let me know." "I was in the open a little more, we'd never mind a spring rain."

It was with a satisfied smile that Banning, in the conductor's strip off two rides from his ticket as they were whirled northward. He felt that he had saved money. But when they descended from the train at Park Highlands things were not quite so rosy as the poets had led him to believe. He should be at the train, waving an umbrella defiantly to the clouds.

"If it does rain," he assured Mrs. Banning, "it will be on a spring shower. I won't hurt anything. If we were out in the open a little more we'd never mind a spring rain."

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"Oh, let's walk around a little," suggested her husband, "and take a look at the town. There's lots of time to go into the woods."

"Lead on," said Mrs. Banning. "Where are we going to pass the little row of stores opposite the railroad station before accepting it—Bridgeport Standard."

Utilities Bill Convalescing.
Practically all the newspapers in the state have predicted that the senate would kill the public utilities bill, and on that point they were counted right. The result that it was announced that the balance of power on that important question was held by the four democratic members of that body. Whether the situation was correctly sized up or not is a matter of conjecture, but if it was accurately determined at the time, then some of the senators have since seen a light. The vote in the upper branch showed that yesterday when Senator Sears came down from his pedestal and agreed to a bill that was in opposition to the report made by the committee on the judiciary, of which he is chairman. The measure, however, is not out of the woods yet by any means, but it has taken a step forward and the chances of some sort of a public utilities bill being passed at this session are at least favorable. This is due more to arbitration to anything else. The leaders in both branches admit that a bill may be drafted which will pass. It may not be just what the state needs, but if a start is made with a measure of some nature it can be amended at the next session. The point now is to get the law into the statute books and the remainder will be comparatively easy. So far the fight has been a bitter one, although the hardest blows were struck during the hearings, and finally by the committee, which made an unfavorable report. "The worst may now be over," New Britain Herald.

PERSONS TALKED ABOUT.
Miss Margaret Ashton, sister-in-law of James Bryce, has been elected a town councillor in her native town in England.

Miss Sofia Loebinger was elected president of the new organization of suffragists, which was formed the other evening in New York. It was composed entirely of wage-earning women.

It is strange that an American should be the only woman member of the Royal Geographical society of England. Mrs. French Sheldon, formerly of New Orleans, occupies this singular position. She is not alone the only female "fellow," but the last.

Long is the list of waifs who have become famous. It includes Sir Henry M. Stanley, Queen Catherine the Good, Alexander Hamilton, Rosa Bonheur, Edgar Allan Poe, Racheo Leonardo da Vinci, and dates back as far as Moses. At these were homeless children.

Leon Caste, the official viper killer in the forest of Pontineau, France, is now resting after an arduous season, in which he has killed 700 snakes. His average is one a year, and he has been bitten so often that he has become immune to the poison of the snake's bite.

The committee formed to arrange for a memorial to Grover Cleveland in Chicago has decided that a statue will be the most appropriate memorial. The statue is to be of the size of 100 feet. It is expected that the statue will be placed in Grant park on the lake front.

Mrs. Gertrude Barney, the pretty widow and telephone operator at the Montgomery (Mo.) authorities refused to seat as city collector when she was elected to that office last November, because, as a woman, she was ineligible.

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A College for Women.
Connecticut may have a college for women after all and on the spot where as co-eds they are soon to be frozen into rigid lines of duty and discipline. The trustees of Wesleyan university favor the plan and many wealthy and influential friends of the institution desire it. The new relations would be modeled largely upon those existing between Harvard and Radcliffe, Columbia and Barnard, Brown and Pembroke. The old objection between sexes would cease, though both could enjoy to the full all the educational privileges of the university. But if this should come about a larger endowment would be needed. The class of women to enter the coming autumn will be the last in the regular course, but this period of grace was obviously intended to give time for the formulation of new plans that should have Connecticut from the reproach of having no place where her girls could obtain the higher education.—Boston Transcript.

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